

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 21 with the following:

The fermentation of polydextrose (PDX) resulted in the production of mainly acetic, propionic and butyric acids. The proportion of butyric acid increased towards the distal parts of the colon simulation. A substantial part of the polydextrose remained unfermented at the end of the study. In contrast, the fermentation of inulin was complete already in the first vessel. Also the fermentation patterns were different. The production of lactic acid was evident already after the first stage of the inulin test, and the concentration increased towards the distal parts of the colon simulation. In the polydextrose test no accumulation of lactic acid was seen at all indicating excellent sustained release properties.

Please replace third full paragraph on page 21 with the following:

Daily doses of 10 g of polydextrose (Litesse.sup.R Ultra.TM., Danisco) were ingested and the changes in the bacterial fermentation were measured from fecal samples obtained at 0, 3 and 6 weeks. Samples were stored at -20.degree. C. prior to VFA measurements. VFA measurements were done as explained in Example 1. The concentration of branched VFAs decreased during the study but the concentration of butyrate increased concomitantly in relation to the decreasing proportion of branched VFAs.